

Gospel 20th June 2021. Cycle B

12th Sunday Ordinary Time

I TRUST, YOU ARE WITH ME.



WITHOUT FEAR

SETTING.

I get on the boat of life, with You the path is safe. Why to hesitate? What to be afraid of? You make every moment an opportune time; from each new place, encounter.

To doubt, to be afraid, of what with You? I dedicate this space and time to travel, without fear, with You.

SONG. Lord of my Boat - Major School Kentenich

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NiwRwPOLut8>

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK: MK 4:35-41.

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was

in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

LET US DEEPEN THE TEXT.

“Who is this man?” This is Mark's great question throughout his Gospel. In today's text, the answer is found in the question itself: Who has power over the sea and over all Creation if not God himself? Let us remember the book of Job when the LORD says to him: “Who restrained the sea when it rose from the bosom of the deep? Echoing, the Psalms sing this dominion of God over nature: “You quench the roaring of the seas; the roaring of its waves...” (Ps 64:8). But, at the very moment in which they ask themselves “Who is this man?”, the disciples find the answer: This man is sent by God! However, the most surprising thing about this text is the question asked by Jesus: “Why to be afraid? How is it possible that you have no faith?” Strange since, the fear of the storm, is it not the beginning of Wisdom? Simple awareness of our powerlessness and our limits. “Master, we are lost. Doesn't that tell you anything?” Let's recognize that we, too, ask this question as normal.

Mark warns here about the temptation to interpret God's silence as a gesture of indifference. Jesus, with the most absolute tranquility, dominates the natural elements. Jesus is not afraid because he has faith. Jesus knows that his Father has given him authority over the wind and the sea and that they obey him. What if our feelings of helplessness were the expression of our lack of faith? And it is not a question, of course, of believing that our dreams show reality, or of believing ourselves, from now on, all powerful. It is about having faith, that is, it is about believing that, from now on, in God we can do everything! Even dominate the powers of evil. “Go then!” Henceforth, as Paul says in the second letter to the Corinthians, “the Love of Christ is in us” (2nd reading this Sunday); henceforth nothing will separate us from this love in which we have been immersed since the day of our Baptism. YES! The Christian is someone who says “Go ahead!” From now on, nothing will be like before. Humanity is new, as if it had just been born. From now on we live from the new life of the Risen One. From now on we can live like Jesus, not to be served but to serve. From now on we are capable of crying with those who cry and of facing the same battles as Jesus to dominate the true storms of men: evil

and hatred. All Christians can say like Saint Paul: “It is not I who live, it is Christ who lives in me”.

CLUES FOR THE PRAYER.

1. I read the text carefully. What do I discover in it? What can the movements of Jesus mean?
2. What do I feel, what do I think while reading it?
3. What attitudes does it invite me to? What do I feel called to?

IN YOUR BOAT, WITH YOU, we are Kingdom_____

AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Gerard Satamian-Chansons sans paroles op. 2 Elegie

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= KUDnMh6Sz4>

YOUR BOAT, WITH YOU.

Come on! to the other shore.
To come out of us, to be in You.
To walk free, with just enough
and to place the heart,
the eyes, the hands;
our being on the horizon,
the other shore, new space,
meeting place.
And in the luck of the path,
to trust always.
You are by our side
and simply,
You invite us to trust.
To trust is to have faith,
To trust is to abandon oneself
in your Hands.
To trust is to look
in the direction of the other.
To trust is to leave
the comfort space.

To trust is to generate
a livable environment.
To trust is to make love circulate.
To trust is doing
of the Kingdom, our cause.
To trust is to have found You.
To trust is boast
your being for others.
To trust is to thank
life, a gratuitous gift.
To trust is to be, a word of hope.
To trust is to have nothing of your own.
To trust is to speak
of Your Life, to be mission.
Trust is asking every day
the gift of grace.
To trust is to love those
small, different, special...
Your word gives us life.
May we build
a boat in which
all may have a place,
that it make it to shore
where are the different,
the vulnerable ones... All the others.
May your boat be my boat.
And may it take us with You
to the other shore, to the other.
With You, where it may be needed.

SONG. Have faith in me, IXCIS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHpr4TjtHrY&list=RD5SvSFRKwJfK&index=2>



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